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Subject: RE: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Maya,

Can you send out the Outlook invite for the call tomorrow, along with time and call in number. Jane Nishida has requested us to brief her on the WHO Air Pollution and Health Conference tomorrow (Wed.) at 10:30 am DC time. Can we look to have the Wed call with Megan et al between 9-10 am. Who are you expecting to join the call?

Thanks,

Ted

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Hi Ted,

Thanks for your note. Yes, Megan will share more from the discussion tomorrow am (Geneva time). Following this, we'll be in a better position to have the del call and draft the annotated agenda. Can we aim for Wed am instead?

Regarding the additional EPA participant, I do want to share that we are concerned about the overall delegation numbers for this conference. The current delegation of eleven seems very large especially since it is likely the USG isn't announcing anything new. Is it possible for EPA to consider limiting participation? We will ask USAID to consider the same.

We are also verifying if access for US del members will be limited on the high level day since most other Member States were given two slots for the entire conference.

I'm adding Peter Schmeissner to this email for his awareness.

Thanks,
Maya

On: 15 October 2018 13:25,
"MacDonald, Ted" <MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Maya (and Megan),

I there anything further to report back from you the outcome from your Deputy's meeting with the team at WHO last Thursday regarding the upcoming WHO Air Pollution and Health Conference? Are you still planning on holding an interagency Delegation call tomorrow morning? Last I heard you were proposing a call for 9am, but were going to send around an annotated agenda in advance.

Also, as mentioned last week, we want to send our Office of Global Affairs Deputy Office Director, from our EPA Office of International and Tribal Affairs to staff Jane Nishida for the High Level Segment of the Conference. What do we need to do to get her registered?

Is that something you can do

Thanks,
Ted

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Hi Ted,

No, I spoke with my team and they've asked that I hold off for the moment. Our Deputy is meeting with the team at WHO today in Geneva (Thursday) and they'd like me to wait to be in touch with the interagency until after that conversation.

All the best,
Maya

On: 11 October 2018 03:45,
"MacDonald, Ted" <MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Maya,

Your message from message yesterday indicate that you were planning to send the annotated air pollution conference agenda and update to the del later today. We have not seen any transmission as yet. Did we miss something?

Thanks,
Ted

From: Levine, Maya (OS/OGA) [<mailto:Maya.Levine@hhs.gov>]
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Wonderful - thanks for confirming, Ted!

On: 10 October 2018 00:51,
"MacDonald, Ted" <MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Maya,
We should be able to do 9am on Tuesday 10/16 (it looks like most of us are open between 8-10am).
Thanks,
Ted

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Hi Ted,

Hope you enjoyed the long weekend! I'm planning to send the annotated air pollution conference agenda and update to the del later today — but I wanted to touch base with you on the del call. Thursday no longer works on this end — could we aim for a call on Tuesday morning (10/16). Would 9am work for you and EPA colleagues?

This will also give everyone this week to put together inputs and then have a day to review them ahead of our call.

Thanks,
Maya

On: 05 October 2018 00:09,
"MacDonald, Ted" <MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Maya,
Your suggested alternative of incorporating key messages or cautions into an annotated agenda should work fine. We were envisioning the separate issue papers by session as being relatively short as well, and addressing the same key issues you identify for the annotated agenda.
Sorry to have missed your call.
We can set up a time for later this afternoon for a call with you. It should be after 1:30 and not between 3-3:30. Do you have a preference?
Ted

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Hi Ted,

Thanks for sharing this -- I just tried to give you a call to discuss. The document is helpful but I think we should consider an alternate approach to reduce the number of position papers. We have several other similar meetings taking place this fall, and we are not putting together issue papers for each segment of the agenda.

I suggest we focus on creating an annotated agenda noting any key messages and priority areas for each session and one position paper with general key messages/TPs, areas to watch out for, and relevant background information.

Finally, it would be good to discuss some of the areas EPA has flagged as concerning specifically -- the Air Pollution Roadmap; a specific global goal on reducing air pollution deaths; launches of new initiatives, etc.; evidence of the link between climate change and air pollution; SDGs; and UHC.

I'm available until 1pm this afternoon and then again from 2pm -- 3:30pm. Let me know if you have a moment to connect.

Once we agree on a way forward, I'll reach out to the full delegation (minus Jane) on next steps.

Thanks again,
Maya

From: MacDonald, Ted [<mailto:MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov>]

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Hi Maya,

As mentioned on our call yesterday, I am forwarding something we put together to suggest guidance and allocation of lead responsibilities for proposed issue/position papers for the WHO Conference on Air Pollution and Health. Please adjust as you see needed, and will look to HHS to distribute to relevant contacts/agencies as needed. I am around today in case you have any question on the content of this draft, but please note that I will be out tomorrow, but other EPA contacts cc'd should be available.

Thanks,
Ted